Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: _09/690,457_ First Named Applicant: _William Ku_
Examiner: _Lilian Vo_   Art Unit: _2127_   Status of Application: _First Office Action_

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Proposed Date of Interview: _6/29/04_   Proposed Time: _10:00_ ((AM)/PM) _EDT_

Type of Interview Requested:
(1) [X] Telephonic   (2) [ ] Personal   (3) [ ] Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: [ ] YES   [ ] NO
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Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) _Rej (102)_	_24_	_Spyker_	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
(2) _Rej (102)_	_26_	_Brundridge_	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
(3) _Rej (102)_	_9,24,25_	_Hove_	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
(4) _Rej (102)_	_2_	_Janniro_	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

[X] Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented: _See attached continuation sheet_
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Continuation Sheet for Interview Request Form for Patent Application Serial No. 09/690,457

1)   Rejection of Claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Spyker et al. (US 6,571,389).

With respect to Claim 24, the cited reference does not teach or suggest any type of automatic invocation of an environment variable manager whenever any of triggering events a), b), c) or d) occur, and then using this same environment variable manager to determine if such triggered event causes a modification to an affected path sequence.

2)   Rejection of Claim 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Brundridge (US 6,279,109).

With respect to Claim 26, the cited reference does not teach or suggest a determination of whether a directory *within a path sequence of an environment variable* is deleted.

3)   Rejection of Claims 9, 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Hove et al. (US 6,564,369).

With respect to Claim 9, the cited reference does not teach or suggest any correction of erroneous modifications that have been made. Rather, Hove teaches a prevention technique which prevents erroneous modifications from being made.

With respect to Claim 24, the cited reference does not teach automatic invocation of an environment variable manager which is used to determine if the event which triggered its invocation causes a modification to *an effected path sequence.*

With respect to Claim 25, the cited reference does not teach automatic invocation of an environment variable manager whenever *a path sequence is modified.*

4)   Rejection of Claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Janniro et al. (US 5,634,098).

With respect to Claim 2, the cited reference does not teach or suggest the claimed method for *correcting* a path sequence of an environment variable in a data processing

system, or the claimed feature of *monitoring for a change effecting the path sequence* of the environment variable.

Further with respect to Claim 2, the cited reference does not teach altering of an environment variable *to ensure a proper file is found.*

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